

FINDING RECORDS OF YOUR ANCESTORS, PART A

ITALY

1809 TO 1910



Beginning Italian researchers will also need the *Genealogical Word List: Italian* (34071).

If your ancestor lived in Italy between 1809 and 1910, follow the steps in this booklet to find the records of his or her family. These instructions will show you which records to search, what to look for, and what tools to use. One piece of information will lead to another until you have identified each family member and filled out a family group record.

1

Find your ancestor's [birth record](#) in civil records.

2

Find [birth records](#) for your ancestor's brothers and sisters in civil records.

3

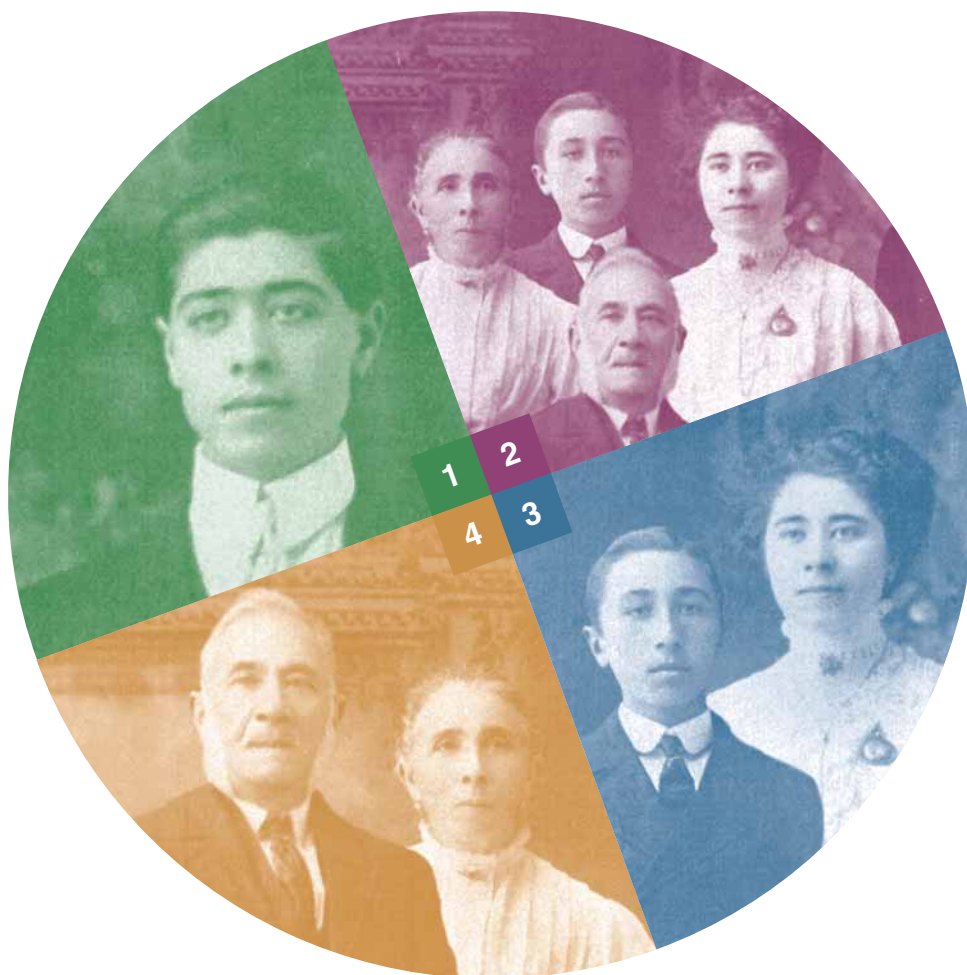
Find any [death records](#) of your ancestor's brothers and sisters or parents in civil records.

4

Find the [marriage](#) of your ancestor's parents in civil records or church records, if available. This family is now complete.

Latter-day Saints:

Now see additional instructions for submitting names for temple ordinances.



The steps and tools you will need are described inside. ►

HOW TO BEGIN—PREPARATION

You should have already gathered as much information as possible from your home and family and filled out family group records and a pedigree chart. You may have checked FamilySearch™ or other computer files to see if others have researched your Italian family.

To begin:

A. From your pedigree chart, choose an ancestor who was born in Italy between 1809 and 1910. You must know the approximate birth date and the birthplace (town) in order to find your ancestor's family. It is helpful to know the province.

B. Write your ancestor's name in the children's section of a new family group record. Read through the instructions in this booklet. Then follow the steps below to find your ancestor's family.

Tips

If you don't know your ancestor's birth date:

- Start with a more recent generation. You will learn how to do research, and you will probably discover something you didn't know about your family.
- Find the records for the family in the example given. This will teach you basic research skills before you search for your own family. This is a good class activity.

Pedigree Chart

Chart no. _____

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. _____ on chart no. _____

Mark boxes when ordnances are completed.

☐ Baptized ☐ Ordained

☐ Sealed to parents ☐ Sealed to spouse

☐ Family Group Record exists for this couple

☐ Children's ordnances completed

1. Antonino Lucera
(Father)
 When born 27 Sep. 1893
 Where Coreone, Palermo, Italy
 When married 3 Oct. 1926
 Where Los Angeles, L.A., Calif.
 When died 14 Jul 1973
 Where Los Angeles, L.A., Calif.

4. Ferdinando Lucera
(Father of no. 1)
 When born 1 Apr. 1840
 Where Coreone, Palermo, Italy
 When married 1873
 Where Coreone, Palermo, Italy
 When died 29 Jun. 1931
 Where Los Angeles, L.A., Calif.

2. Mary Louise Lucera
(Mother)
 When born _____
 Where _____
 When married _____
 Where _____
 When died _____
 Where _____

5. Maria Arsena
(Mother of no. 4)
 When born _____
 Where _____
 When died 8 Aug. 1854
 Where Coreone, Palermo, Italy
 When died 23 Mar. 1931
 Where Los Angeles, L.A., Calif.

3. _____
(Mother)
 When born _____
 Where _____
 When married _____
 Where _____
 When died _____
 Where _____

6. _____
(Father of no. 3)
 When born _____
 Where _____
 When married _____
 Where _____
 When died _____
 Where _____

7. _____
(Mother of no. 3)
 When born _____
 Where _____
 When married _____
 Where _____
 When died _____
 Where _____

8. _____
(Father of no. 4)
 When born _____
 Where _____
 When married _____
 When died _____
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9. _____
(Mother of no. 4)
 When born _____
 Where _____
 When died _____
 Where _____

10. _____
(Father of no. 5)
 When born _____
 Where _____
 When married _____
 When died _____
 Where _____

11. _____
(Mother of no. 5)
 When born _____
 Where _____
 When died _____
 Where _____

12. _____
(Father of no. 6)
 When born _____
 Where _____
 When married _____
 When died _____
 Where _____

13. _____
(Mother of no. 6)
 When born _____
 Where _____
 When died _____
 Where _____

14. _____
(Father of no. 7)
 When born _____
 Where _____
 When married _____
 When died _____
 Where _____

15. _____
(Mother of no. 7)
 When born _____
 Where _____
 When married _____
 When died _____
 Where _____

16. _____
(Father of no. 8)
 When born _____
 Where _____
 When married _____
 When died _____
 Where _____

Your name and address _____

Telephone number _____ Date prepared _____

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A. Mary's pedigree chart

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Family Group Record			
Husband (Given name(s))		Last name	<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
(Born (day month year)) Place		LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Christened Place		Baptized	
Died Place		Endowed	
Buried Place		Sealed to parents	
Married Place		Sealed to spouse	
Husband's father (Given name(s))		Last name	<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
Husband's mother (Given name(s))		Maiden name	<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
			<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
Wife (Given name(s))		Maiden name	
(Born (day month year)) Place		LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Christened Place		Baptized	
Died Place		Endowed	
Buried Place		Sealed to parents	
Wife's father (Given name(s))		Last name	<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
Wife's mother (Given name(s))		Maiden name	<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
			<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
Children Last each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth.		LDS ordinance dates	Temple
1	Sex (Given name(s)) Maria (Born (day month year)) 2 Aug 1854 Place Coreone, Palermo, Italy	Last name Arsena	<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Christened Place	Baptized	
	Died Place 23 Mar 1931 Los Angeles, L.A., California	Endowed	
	Buried Place	Sealed to parents	
	Married Place 1873 Coreone, Palermo, Italy	Sealed to spouse	
2	Sex (Given name(s)) Ferdinando (Born (day month year)) Place Coreone, Palermo, Italy	Last name Lucera	<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Christened Place	Baptized	
	Died Place	Endowed	
	Buried Place	Sealed to parents	
	Spouse (Given name(s))	Last name	
	Married Place	Sealed to spouse	
3	Sex (Given name(s)) (Born (day month year)) Place	Last name	<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Christened Place	Baptized	
	Died Place	Endowed	
	Buried Place	Sealed to parents	
	Spouse (Given name(s))	Last name	
	Married Place	Sealed to spouse	
Select only one of the following options. The option you select applies to all names on this form.		Your name	
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1—Family File Send all names to a family file at the _____ Temple		Address	
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2—Temple File Send all names to any temple, and assign proxies for all approved ordinances.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 3—Ancestral File Send all names to the computerized Ancestral File for research purposes only, not for ordinances. I am including the required pedigree chart.		Phone _____	Date prepared _____

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B. Mary begins a *family group record* with Maria Arsena listed as a child

THE RESEARCH PROCESS

The following pages can walk you through the research process. In the case study, Mary is looking for the family of Maria Arsenia. She takes her family group records and pedigree chart to a family history center. Here she looks

in the Family History Library Catalog for the records she wants and orders the microfilms she needs. She makes several visits to the center. Follow these same steps to find your family.

THE RESEARCH PROCESS

Case study: Maria Arsena, born in 1854 in Corleone, province of Palermo, Italy.

Your ancestor: _____, _____, in _____, _____, Italy.
name birth date town province

FIND YOUR ANCESTOR'S BIRTH RECORD IN CIVIL RECORDS: (see [CIVIL RECORDS: Birth](#) on page 10.)

1 A. At the family history center, Mary searches in the Family History Library Catalog for the town in Italy where her ancestor was born (Corleone). Then she looks for civil records. (See “Using the Family History Library Catalog” on page 9).

B. She finds the film number 1195438 and orders it. She finds Maria's birth record on the film. Maria's parents' names and ages are in the record. Mary

finds the actual date of birth about half way down the page. She photocopies the record for her files.

C. On the family group record, Mary writes:

- (1) Maria's birth information on the front and
- (2) source information (such as town name, film number, volume and years covered, and page number) on the back.

ATTO DI NASCITA		Indicazione del giorno, in cui è stato amministrato il Sacramento del Battesimo.
Numero d'ordine <u>11785</u>	Numero d'ordine <u>334</u>	
L'anno <u>1870</u>	L'anno <u>1870</u>	
<u>14</u> del mese di <u>Giu</u>	il dì <u>14</u>	
alle ore <u>12</u>	del mese di <u>Giu</u>	
avanti di Noi <u>Pietro Maria Leone</u>	Il Parroco di <u>Caserta</u>	
ed Ufficiale dello Stato Civile del Comune di <u>Caserta</u>	ci ha restituito nel dì <u>14</u>	
<u>Caserta</u> Distretto di <u>Caserta</u>	: del mese di <u>Giu</u>	
Provincia di <u>Napoli</u>	<u>18</u> anno <u>1870</u>	
<u>Fuggio</u> Cognome	il notamento che noi abbiamo rimesso nel giorno <u>14</u>	
di professione <u>mercante</u>	<u>mo</u> del controscritto atto di nascita, in piè del quale ha indicato, che il Sacramento del Battesimo è stato amministrato a <u>Maria Elena</u>	
domiciliat a <u>Caserta</u>	nel giorno <u>14</u>	
quale ci ha presentato un <u>certificato</u>		
secondoche abbiamo ocularmente riconosciuti ed ha dichiarato che lo stesso <u>è nato da un varone</u>		
<u>18</u> di anni <u>1870</u>		
<u>18</u> domiciliata <u>1870</u>		
e da <u>18</u>		
<u>18</u> di anni <u>1870</u> di professione <u>mercante</u>		
domiciliat <u>1870</u>		
<u>18</u> giorno <u>18</u> del mese di <u>1870</u>		
<u>18</u> anno <u>1870</u> alle ore <u>18</u>		
nella casa <u>1870</u>		
Lo stesso ha inoltre dichiarato di dare <u>18</u>	In vista di un tale notamento, dopo di averlo cifrato, abbiamo disposto che fosse conservato nel volume dei documenti al foglio <u>1870</u>	
<u>1870</u> il nome di <u>1870</u>	Abbiamo inoltre accusato al Parroco la ricezione del medesimo, ed abbiamo formato il presente atto, ch'è stato iscritto sopra i due registri, in margine del corrispondente atto di nascita ed indi lo abbiamo firmato.	

FIND BIRTH RECORDS FOR YOUR ANCESTOR'S BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CIVIL RECORDS.

A. Mary now looks for birth records for the years before and after Maria's birth for those of brothers or sisters. She finds births on three other films for 1851 (film 1195437), 1857 (film 1195439), and 1859 (film 1195440).

B. On the family group record, Mary writes:
(1) information about all of Maria's brothers and sisters on the front and (2) source information on the back.

Family Group Record If typing, set spacing at 1 1/2. Page of

Husband <i>Giuseppe</i>		Last name <i>Arsena</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
Given name(s)		Place		LDS ordinance dates	
Born (day month year) <i>31 Dec. 1822</i>		<i>Corleone, Palermo, Italy</i>		Temple	
Christened		Place		Baptized	
Died		Place		Endowed	
Buried		Place		Sealed to parents	
Married <i>27 Apr. 1850</i>		<i>Corleone, Palermo, Italy</i>		Sealed to spouse	
Husband's father Given name(s) <i>Paolo</i>		Last name <i>Arsena</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Husband's mother Given name(s) <i>Maria</i>		Maiden name <i>Stilla</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Wife <i>Marianna</i>		Maiden name <i>Colletti</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
Given name(s)		Place		LDS ordinance dates	
Born (day month year) <i>28 Sep. 1826</i>		<i>Corleone, Palermo, Italy</i>		Temple	
Christened		Place		Baptized	
Died		Place		Endowed	
Buried		Place		Sealed to parents	
Wife's father Given name(s) <i>Paolo</i>		Last name <i>Colletti</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Wife's mother Given name(s) <i>Marianna</i>		Maiden name <i>Salerno</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Children List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth.					
				LDS ordinance dates	
				Temple	
1 Sex <i>M</i> Given name(s) <i>Paolo</i> Last name <i>Arsena</i> <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"					
Born (day month year) <i>4 Jun 1851</i> Place <i>Corleone, Palermo, Italy</i> Baptized					
Christened Place Endowed					
Died Place Sealed to parents					
Spouse Given name(s) Last name					
Married Place Sealed to spouse					
2 Sex <i>F</i> Given name(s) <i>Maria</i> Last name <i>Arsena</i> <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"					
Born (day month year) <i>6 Aug 1854</i> Place <i>Corleone, Palermo, Italy</i> Baptized					
Christened Place Endowed					
Died <i>23 Mar 1931</i> Place <i>Los Angeles, L.A., California</i> Sealed to parents					
Spouse Given name(s) <i>Ferdinando</i> Last name <i>Lucera</i>					
Married <i>1873</i> Place <i>Corleone, Palermo, Italy</i> Sealed to spouse					
3 Sex <i>M</i> Given name(s) <i>Giovanni</i> Last name <i>Arsena</i> <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"					
Born (day month year) <i>17 May 1857</i> Place <i>Corleone, Palermo, Italy</i> Baptized					
Christened Place Endowed					
Died <i>1 Mar 1859</i> Place <i>Corleone, Palermo, Italy</i> Sealed to parents					
Spouse Given name(s) Last name					
Married Place Sealed to spouse					
Select only one of the following options. The option you select applies to all names on this form.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1—Family File Send all names to my family file at the _____ Temple.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2—Temple File Send all names to any temple, and assign proxies for all approved ordinances.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 3—Ancestral File Send all names to the computerized Ancestral File for research purposes only, not for ordinances. I am including the required pedigree chart.					
Your name				Address	
Phone ()				Date prepared	

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Front of family group record

Children List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth.		LDS ordinance dates		Temple	
Sex <i>M</i> Given name(s) <i>Giovanni</i> Last name <i>Arsena</i> <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"					
Born (day month year) <i>5 Dec 1859</i> Place <i>Corleone, Palermo, Italy</i> Baptized					
Christened Place Endowed					
Died <i>23 Aug 1860</i> Place <i>Corleone, Palermo, Italy</i> Sealed to parents					
Spouse Given name(s) Last name					
Married Place Sealed to spouse					
Sources of information Add further information on attached sheets as necessary.					
<i>Corleone Civil Registration, 1829-1910.</i> Film #1195438 (Births 1853-1856), p. 334					
Film #1195437 (Births 1850-1851), p. 312					
Film #1195439 (Births 1856-1858), p. 223					
Film #1195440 (Births 1858-1859), p. 216					
Film #1195454 (Deaths 1857-1860), p. 33					
Film #1195419 (Marriages 1849-1854), p. 131					
Film #1815404 (Supplemental Marriage Records [Processetti] 1849-1854), p. 131					
Note: Please take every reasonable step to see that the information on this form is as accurate and complete as practical. This will help maintain the integrity of Church family history files and reduce duplication of temple ordinance work.					

Back of family group record

THE RESEARCH PROCESS

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FIND ANY DEATH RECORDS OF YOUR ANCESTOR'S BROTHERS AND SISTERS OR PARENTS IN CIVIL RECORDS.

A. Since Mary discovered that the brothers born in 1857 and 1859 had the same name, she realizes that the one born earlier had died sometime before the latter one was born. She looks in the Family History Library Catalog and finds a film that has deaths from 1857-1860. She orders film 1195454 and finds the death for the earlier

brother in 1859. Browsing further, she finds the death record of the latter brother in 1860.

B. On the family group record, Mary writes:

- (1) the new information in the appropriate places and
- (2) source information on the back of the record.

<p>Date of death registration</p> <p>Actual death date</p> <p>Name of deceased</p> <p>Age and birthplace of deceased</p> <p>Names of parents</p>	<p>PROVINCIA DI PALERMO COMUNE DI <i>Corleone</i></p> <p><i>EL</i></p> <p>Registro degli atti di morte ,33</p> <p>Numero d'ordine 65</p> <p>L'anno <i>milleottocentocinquanta nove</i> <i>sette</i> <i>dieci</i></p> <p>del mese di <i>Marzo</i></p> <p>alle ore <i>sedici</i></p> <p>Avanti Noi <i>Ofelio R. Favale</i> Sindaco</p> <p>ed Ufficiale dello Stato Civile del Comune di <i>Corleone</i></p> <p>Distretto di <i>Corleone</i> Provincia di Palermo sono comparsi</p> <p><i>francesco Ruffo</i></p> <p>di anni <i>quaranta</i> di professione <i>villaggio</i></p> <p>domiciliato in <i>Corleone</i></p> <p>e <i>francesco Governali</i></p> <p>di anni <i>trattato</i> di professione <i>villaggio</i></p> <p>domiciliato in <i>Corleone</i></p> <p>i quali han dichiarato che nel giorno <i>Primo</i> del</p> <p>mese di <i>Marzo</i> anno corrente alle ore <i>quattro</i></p> <p>è morto nell'età di <i>anni trentotto</i> <i>Giovanni</i></p> <p><i>di specie</i></p> <p>di anni <i>Due</i> nato in <i>Corleone</i></p> <p>di professione <i>villaggio</i> domiciliato in <i>Corleone</i></p> <p>figlio di <i>Giuseppe</i> di professione <i>villaggio</i></p> <p>domiciliato in <i>Corleone</i> e di <i>Maria Anna Colletti</i></p> <p>domiciliata in <i>Corleone</i></p> <p>Per esecuzione della legge ci siamo trasferiti insieme coi detti testimoni presso la persona defunta, e ne abbiamo riconosciuto la sua effettiva morte. Abbiamo indi formato il presente atto che abbiamo iscritto sopra i due registri, e datane lettura ai dichiaranti, si è nel giorno, mese, ed anno come sopra, segnato da Noi.</p> <p><i>francesco Ruffo</i></p> <p><i>francesco Governali</i></p> <p><i>francesco Ruffo</i></p>
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FIND THE MARRIAGE RECORD OF YOUR ANCESTOR'S PARENTS IN CIVIL RECORDS OR CHURCH RECORDS (IF AVAILABLE).

(See "Civil Records: Marriage" on page 11.)

A. Mary looks in the catalog for records of marriages performed where the children were born. In the civil records of Corleone, the marriage records for the years just prior to the first child's birth are on film 1195419.

B. Mary starts with the date of the first child's birth and searches earlier records until she finds the marriage. If she couldn't find it, then she would search later records or records from nearby towns.

THE RESEARCH PROCESS

C. On the family group record, Mary writes:
(1) the marriage information and (2) source information on the back. Mary now has the information she needs for this family.

D. The marriage record includes a list of documents submitted to the authorities at the time of the wedding. Mary looks in the catalog for "Processetti" or "Allegati"; the supplemental records are on film

1815404. In the supplemental records she finds handwritten copies from civil and church records that consist of the births of the bride and groom, the death date of the bride's father (which includes his parents' names), the death of the bride's paternal grandfather (and his parents' names), the marriage banns, and a handwritten copy of the marriage record.

ATTO DELLA SOLENNE PROMESSA di celebrare il matrimonio		Indicazione della seguita celebrazione Canonica del Matrimonio
Marriage date	Numero d'ordine <u>1815404</u> L'anno milleottocento <u>1898</u> il dì <u>10</u> <u>marzo</u> mese di <u>marzo</u> alle ore <u>10</u> avanti di Noi <u>Donno Donato Donato</u> ed ufficiale dello Stato Civile del Comune di <u>Catania</u> <u>100</u> Distretto di <u>Catania</u>	Numero d'ordine <u>1815404</u> L'anno milleottocento <u>1898</u> il dì <u>10</u> del mese di <u>marzo</u> Il Parroco di <u>Catania</u>
Groom's name, age, birthplace, occupation. Names of parents and their ages	Provincia di <u>Palermo</u> sono comparsi nella casa Comunale <u>Donno Donato</u> di anni <u>18</u> nato in <u>Catania</u> Distretto di <u>Catania</u> Provincia di <u>Palermo</u> di professione <u>manipolo</u> domiciliato in <u>Catania</u> figlio di <u>Donno Donato</u> di anni <u>18</u> di professione <u>manipolo</u> domiciliato in <u>Catania</u> e di <u>Donna Maria</u> di anni <u>18</u> domiciliato in <u>Catania</u> nato in <u>Catania</u> di anni <u>18</u> domiciliato in <u>Catania</u>	ci ha rimesso una delle copie della controscritta promessa, in piè della quale ha certificato, che la celebrazione di matrimonio eseguita nel giorno <u>10</u> del mese di <u>marzo</u> anno <u>1898</u> alla presenza dei testimoni la vista di essa, noi abbiamo disteso il presente notamento, e dopo di averla cifrata, abbiamo disposto, che fosse
Bride's name, age, birthplace, occupation. Names of parents and their ages	<u>Donna Maria</u> di anni <u>18</u> domiciliata in <u>Catania</u> nata in <u>Catania</u> di anni <u>18</u> di professione <u>manipolo</u> domiciliato in <u>Catania</u> e di <u>Donna Maria</u> di anni <u>18</u> domiciliato in <u>Catania</u> nata in <u>Catania</u> di anni <u>18</u> domiciliato in <u>Catania</u>	zidetta conservata dei documenti e
List of documents submitted for marriage: Birth of groom, birth of bride, death of bride's father, death of bride's paternal grandfather	<u>Donna Maria</u> di anni <u>18</u> domiciliata in <u>Catania</u> nata in <u>Catania</u> di anni <u>18</u> di professione <u>manipolo</u> domiciliato in <u>Catania</u> e di <u>Donna Maria</u> di anni <u>18</u> domiciliato in <u>Catania</u> nata in <u>Catania</u> di anni <u>18</u> domiciliato in <u>Catania</u>	Abbiamo inoltrato la ricezione, ed abbiamo presente atto, che su i due registri
	i quali alla presenza dei testimoni, che saranno qui appresso indicati, e da essi prodotti, ci hanno richiesto di ricevere la loro solenne promessa di celebrare avanti alla chiesa secondo le forme prescritte dal Sacro Concilio di Trento il matri-	Noti secondando la loro domanda dopo di avere ad essi eui tutta i documenti consistenti 1. nell'atto di nozze dello sposo 2. nell'atto di nozze della sposa 3. nell'atto di morte del padre della sposa 4. nell'atto di morte del padre della sposa 5. nell'atto di morte del padre della sposa con l'assistenza di un notaio pubblico e di un testimone

Latter-day Saints now have the minimal information required for this family's temple submissions. See additional instructions for submitting names for temple ordinances.

NOW YOU CAN REPEAT STEPS 1 THROUGH 4 TO FIND ANOTHER FAMILY

Look for the families of each of your ancestor's parents. Start with a new family group record, and look first for a birth record.

HELPS FOR FINDING PLACES

Map of Italy, Provinces

The current provinces of Italy have basically the same boundaries that were set up by Napoleon between 1809-1815, with a few changes.

* New province since 1993

Italy

(Present-day Regions and Their Provinces)

Valle D'Aosta
1. Aosta

Piemonte
2. Alessandria
3. Asti
4. Biella*
5. Cuneo
6. Novara
7. Torino
8. Verbano-Cusio-Ossola*
9. Vercelli

Lombardia
10. Bergamo
11. Brescia
12. Como
13. Cremona
14. Lecco*
15. Lodi*
16. Mantova
17. Milano
18. Pavia
19. Sondrio
20. Varese

Trentino-Alto Adige
21. Bolzano
22. Trento

Veneto
23. Belluno
24. Padova
25. Rovigo
26. Treviso
27. Venezia
28. Verona
29. Vicenza

Friuli-Venezia Giulia
30. Gorizia
31. Pordenone
32. Trieste
33. Udine

Liguria
34. Genova
35. Imperia
36. La Spezia
37. Savona

Emilia-Romagna
38. Bologna
39. Ferrara
40. Forlì
41. Modena
42. Parma
43. Piacenza
44. Ravenna
45. Reggio Emilia
46. Rimini

Sardegna
100. Cagliari
101. Nuoro
102. Oristano
103. Sassari

Republic of San Marino (104)

Toscana
47. Arezzo
48. Firenze
49. Grosseto
50. Livorno
51. Lucca
52. Massa-Carrara
53. Pisa
54. Pistoia
55. Prato*
56. Siena

Lazio
63. Frosinone
64. Latina
65. Rieti
66. Roma
67. Viterbo

Abruzzo
68. Chieti
69. L'Aquila
70. Pescara
71. Teramo

Molise
72. Campobasso
73. Isernia

Puglia
74. Bari
75. Brindisi
76. Foggia
77. Lecce
78. Taranto

Marche
57. Ancona
58. Ascoli Piceno
59. Macerata
60. Pesaro e Urbino

Umbria
61. Perugia
62. Terni

Campania
79. Avellino
80. Benevento
81. Caserta
82. Napoli
83. Salerno

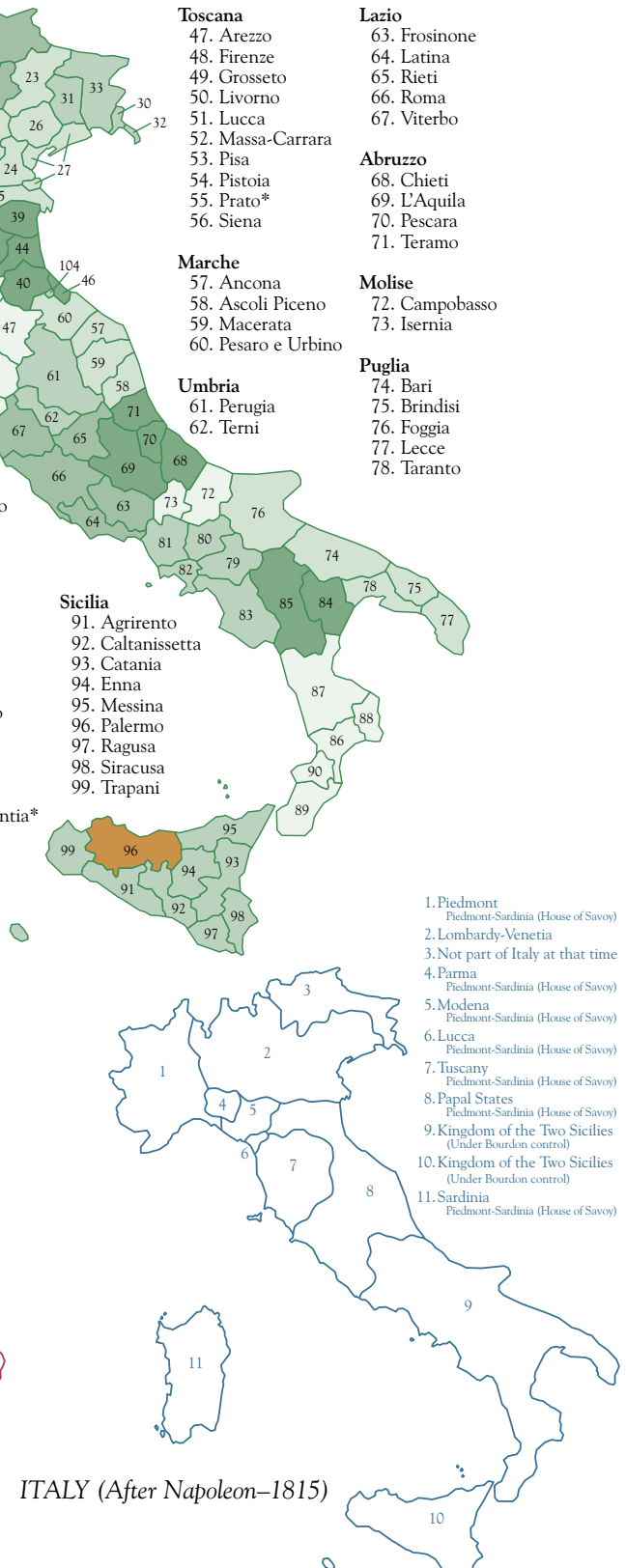
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Calabria
86. Catanzaro
87. Cosenza
88. Crotone*
89. Reggio Calabria
90. Vibo Valentia*

Sicilia
91. Agrigento
92. Caltanissetta
93. Catania
94. Enna
95. Messina
96. Palermo
97. Ragusa
98. Siracusa
99. Trapani



ITALY (Under Napoleon–1812)



ITALY (After Napoleon–1815)

HELPS FOR FINDING RECORDS

Using the Family History Library Catalog • Using Microfilm

USING THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG

Use the Family History Library Catalog to find any record available from the Family History Library. In it, you can find the call numbers you need to find and order records. The catalog is available at www.familysearch.org and at family history centers.

To find the information you need in the catalog, click **Library**, and then click **Family History Library Catalog**.

1. Click **Place Search**.

You will see:

Place

Part of (optional)

2. For the "Place," type: **the name of the town**

3. For "Part of," type: **Italy**

4. If books or microfilms regarding your town are in the library, a link will appear. Click on it.

5. Choose a topic, such as **Civil registration**.

6. Click on the title that you want.

7. Click on **View Film Notes**.

8. Look for the kind of record that you want, such as *nati* (births), for the years you want. Write down the FHL (Family History Library) film number.

For more help, see *Using the Family History Library Catalog* (30966).

Tips

If no records are listed when you type in the place:

- Look for spelling variations of the place-name.
- Try the next larger town in case the records might be there.

When typing a place-name in the catalog, ignore diacritics (accent marks). For example, Cefalù could be written as Cefalu.

USING MICROFILM

At this time, most of the Family History Library's records are on microfilm. When you have found and ordered the microfilm you need, the family history center staff can help you find a microfilm reader and thread the film onto the machine.

Tips

When using the microfilm:

- If the image will not come into focus, make sure the film is between the two glass plates.
- Learn how to turn the handle to move the film backward and forward. Be careful not to roll the film off the reel.
- Make sure the years on the title page are the years you need. Three or four separate books may be on a single microfilm. If the first title page doesn't cover the years you want, quickly spin through the film to the next title page, and look for the years covered.

Each item or book on a film has a title page.

ARCHIVIO DI STATO
PALERMO
ARCHIVIO DELLO "STATO CIVILE" (1820 - 1865)

SERIE *Corleone - Atti di nascita*

BUSTA N. *61* del *1854*

CC. N. *716*

Carte bianche *12. ev.; 20. 73. ev.; da 555 a 9703 v. 716 v.*

Carte mancanti o mutili *la carta 716 è in parte mutila*

Alleg.

NOTE *Ind. Alf. da 704 r. a 716 r.*
L'intero volume va rilegato.

VISTO *[Signature]*

Title page for civil births in Corleone, 1854

CIVIL RECORDS: BIRTH (NASCITA)

1809-1910

Use Birth Records to:

- Find birth information for virtually every person who lived in Italy. (If your ancestors were from Sicily, the records begin in about 1823.)
- Verify the birthplace of an ancestor.
- Find the names of an ancestor's parents.
- Establish a time and place of a family's residence.

If you don't find your ancestor's birth in one town, look in nearby or other likely towns.

Many civil birth records include the baptism information. The Italian word for birth is *nascita* or *nati*, meaning "born" or "those born." The Italian word for baptism is *battesimo*.

Content

- Name of the person who reported the birth (usually the father or the midwife)
- Parents' names, ages, occupations, and residence
- Date of birth
- Child's name
- Names of witnesses (not always relatives)

Tips

- The first date in the birth record is the date the birth was registered. For the actual birth date, look further down in the record.

- For help reading the records, see *Genealogical Word List: Italian*. (See "[Where to Order Publications](#)" on page 17.)

Searching Birth Records

Before searching you must know:

- Your ancestor's name.
- The town and province of birth.
- The approximate birth date.

Located at:

- [Family History Library](#)
- [Provincial, court, or communal archives](#)

[Family History Library Catalog](#):

Place search:

Place

Part of

Topics to choose: Civil registration

Search by:

1. Surname (*cognome*) in the indexes (some early indexes are ordered by the given name).
2. Date (day, month, year), from earliest to most recent.

BIRTH DOCUMENT

Number three hundred thirty four

In the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four [the] seventh of the month of August at the hour of sixteen before us Signor Arena, Mayor and an official of the Civil Registration of the town of Corleone, Province of Palermo, appeared Mr. Giuseppe Arsena, age thirty, profession a bricklayer living in Corleone, S. Agata St., who has presented to us a female which we have accordingly visually recognized, and he has declared that the same was born of Marianna Colletti, age twenty-six, living in the same place (ivi) and of the person making the declaration, Giuseppe, age as above, living in the same place on the day six of the month of August year as mentioned at the hour twenty in the house of the parents.

The same person has also declared to give to the newborn the name of Maria.

ATTO DI NASCITA

Numero d'ordine 1195438

L'anno 1854 del mese di agosto

alle ore 16

avanti di Noi Francesco Arena ed Ufficiale dello Stato Civile del Comune di Corleone Distretto di Palermo Provincia di Milano a comparso Maria Colletti di anni 26 di professione bricklayer domiciliat in Corleone S. Agata St. quale ci ha presentato un figlio secondo che abbiamo ocularmente riconosciuti, ed ha dichiarato che stessa è nata da Marianna Colletti di anni 26 domiciliata in Corleone S. Agata St. e da Giuseppe Arsena di anni 30 di professione bricklayer domiciliato in Corleone S. Agata St. giorno 6 del mese di agosto anno 1854 alle ore 20 nella casa di Marianna Colletti

Stessa ha inoltre dichiarato di dare alla il nome di Maria

Indicazione del giorno, in cui è stato amministrato il Sacramento del Battesimo.

Numero d'ordine 1195438

L'anno 1854 il di 7 del mese di agosto

Il Parroco di Corleone ci ha restituito nel di 7 del mese di agosto anno 1854 il notamento che noi abbiamo rimesso nel giorno 6 del controscritto atto di nascita, in più del quale ha indicato, che il Sacramento del Battesimo è stato amministrato a Maria Colletti

nel giorno 7 del mese di agosto anno 1854

In vista di un tale notamento, dopo di averlo cifrato, abbiamo disposto che fosse conservato nel volume dei documenti al foglio 1195438 Abbiamo inoltre accensato al Parroco la ricezione del medesimo, ed abbiamo formato il presente atto, che è stato iscritto sopra i due registri, in margine del corrispondente atto di nascita ed indi lo abbiamo firmato.

Indication of the day in which the Sacrament of Baptism was administered

Number three hundred thirty-four

In the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four on the day seven of the month of August,

The Parish Priest of Corleone has restored to us on the day aforementioned in the month as above in the current year the notification that we sent to him on the same day the countersigned document of birth, on the bottom of which was indicated that the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to Maria Arsena on the same day as above.

Birth record of Maria Arsena, 6 August 1854, Corleone, Italy (FHL film 1195438).

CIVIL RECORDS: MARRIAGE (MATRIMONI) 1809-1910

Use Marriage Records To:

- Find a couple's marriage date and place, occupations, and their ages.
- Find a couple's parents' names and occupations.
- Find witnesses, who may be family members.

Content

- Groom's name, age, occupation, place of birth, parents' names
- Bride's name, age, occupation, place of birth, parents' names
- Marriage date
- Dates marriage banns were posted
- List of supplemental documents provided by bride and groom

Usually three witnesses are listed in these records. The witnesses knew the bride and groom and attested that they were legally able to get married.

Tips

- To find a marriage record, look first in the town where the first child was born, then in the town where the bride lived, and then in nearby towns.
- Most couples were married in the town where the bride lived. If the groom lived in another town, marriage banns were posted in both towns. Marriage banns have also been filmed. If you can't find the marriage record, check the marriage banns to see if it occurred in a nearby town.
- In addition to the marriage record, supplemental documents had to be submitted by the bride and groom. Look for those records called *processetti* or *allegati*. An example of *processetti* follows on the next page.
- Women are almost always referred to by their maiden names in all records, including deaths.
- For help reading Italian records, see the *Genealogical Word List: Italian*. See "[Where to Order Publications](#)" on page 17.

Searching Marriage Records

Before searching, you must know:

- The names of the bride and groom.
- The approximate birth date of the first child.
- The town of residence.

Located at:

- [Family History Library](#)
- [Italian provincial, court, and communal archives](#)

Family History Library Catalog:

Place search:

Place

Part of

Topics to choose: Civil registration

Search by:

1. Town.
2. Date (day, month, year), from earliest to most recent.
3. Couple's names.

MARRIAGE DOCUMENT

Number sixty-six

In the year one thousand eight hundred fifty on the day seventeen of the month of April at the hour of one, before us Bernardo d'Anna, mayor and the Official of the Civil Registration of the town of Corleone, District of Corleone, Province of Palermo, appeared in the "city hall" Maestro (Mr.) Giuseppe Arsena, single, age twenty-seven, born in the town of Corleone, District of Corleone, Province of Palermo, profession bricklayer, living in the town of Corleone, street ..., number ..., son of Paolo, age 59, profession bricklayer, living ditto [ivi], and of Maria Stilla, age 52, his wife, living ditto;

And Marianna Colletti, single, age twenty-four, born in the town of Corleone, living ditto, street ..., number ..., daughter of the deceased (fu) Paolo, profession ..., living ..., and of Marianna Salerno, his wife, living at ditto

who, in the presence of witnesses ...

The banns ... were posted on the doors of the "city hall" on the seventeenth of the month of March 1850 on Sunday ...

Documents supplied for marriage, *processetti*.

ATTO DELLA SOLENNE PROMESSA di celebrare il matrimonio		Indicazione della seguita celebrazione Canonica del Matrimonio
<p>Numero d'ordine <u>...</u> L'anno <u>milleottocento cinquanta</u> il dì <u>...</u> del mese di <u>aprile</u> alle ore <u>una</u> avanti di Noi <u>Bernardo d'Anna</u> ed ufficiale dello Stato Civile del Comune di <u>Corleone</u> Districto di <u>Corleone</u></p> <p>Provincia di <u>Palermo</u> sono comparsi nella casa Comunale <u>Maestro Giuseppe Arsena</u> di anni <u>ventisei</u> nato in <u>Corleone</u> Districto di <u>Corleone</u> Provincia di <u>Palermo</u> di professione <u>muratore</u> domiciliato in <u>Corleone</u> figlio di <u>Paolo</u> di anni <u>cinquantanove</u> di professione <u>muratore</u> domiciliato in <u>Corleone</u> e di <u>Maria Stilla</u> di anni <u>cinquantadue</u> di professione <u>...</u> domiciliato in <u>Corleone</u> nato in <u>Corleone</u> di anni <u>...</u> domiciliata in <u>Corleone</u> E <u>Marianna Colletti</u> di anni <u>ventiquattro</u> figlia di <u>Paolo</u> di anni <u>...</u> di professione <u>...</u> domiciliata in <u>Corleone</u> e di <u>Marianna Salerno</u> di anni <u>...</u> domiciliata in <u>Corleone</u></p> <p>i quali alla presenza dei testimoni ... qui appresso indicati, e da essi non richiesto di ricevere la loro ... di celebrare avanti alla chiesa ... prescritte dal Sacro Concilio di ...</p> <p>Noi secondando la loro domanda dopo di avere ad essi cui tutta è documentata consistente ...</p> <p>2. att'atto di nuziale ... 2. att'atto di nuziale ... 2. att'atto di nuziale ... 2. att'atto di nuziale ... 2. att'atto di nuziale ...</p>		<p>Numero d'ordine <u>...</u> L'anno <u>milleottocento cinquanta</u> il dì <u>...</u> del mese di <u>aprile</u> Il Parroco di <u>Corleone</u></p> <p>ci ha rimesso una delle copie della controscritta promessa, in più della quale ha certificato, che la celebrazione di matrimonio eseguita nel giorno <u>...</u> del mese di <u>...</u> anno <u>...</u> alla presenza dei testimoni in vista di esso, noi abbiamo disteso il presente notamento, e dopo di averla cifrata, abbiamo disposto, che fosse la copia anzidetta conservata nel volume dei documenti a foglio <u>...</u></p> <p>Abbiamo inoltre accusato al Parroco la ricezione del medesimo, ed abbiamo formato il presente atto, ch'è stato iscritto su i due registri. <u>D'Anna</u></p>

Marriage record of Giuseppe Arsena and Marianna Colletti, 17 April 1850, Corleone, Italy, (FHL film 1195419).

CIVIL RECORDS: MARRIAGE SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS (PROCESSETTI) 1809-1910

ATTO DI MORTE

Numero d'ordine quarantasei
 L'anno milleottocentoquarantasei il dì due
 del mese di agosto alle ore due
 Avanti di Noi Luigi Sabino Jurgianzetta Sindaco
 ed ufficiale dello Stato Civile del Comune di Corleone Pro-
 vincia di Palermo sono comparsi Luigi Colletti di anni
72 di professione maggiore domiciliato in Corleone
72 di professione Antonia Cymano di anni
72 di professione maggiore domiciliato
in Corleone i quali han dichiarato che nel giorno
due del mese di sopra, anno corrente alle ore due
 è morto nel luogo proprio suo Paolo
Colletti marito di Marianna Salerno

Death record of Paolo Colletti,
2 August 1831, Corleone, Italy
(FHL film 1815404).

3. Death date of
ancestor's
mother's father
and his parents'
names.

Luigi Colletti nato in Corleone
 professione maggiore domiciliato in Corleone
 figli o di Maria Jurgianzetta di professione
 domiciliato in Corleone e di Maria Cymano
Colletti domiciliata

Per esecuzione della legge ci siamo trasferiti insieme coi
 testimoni presso la persona defunta, e ne abbiamo riconosciuto

PROVINCIA DI PALERMO

COMUNE DI Corleone

CE TIFICATO DI AFFISSIO E, E DI NON OPPOSIZIONE


Numero d'ordine quarantasei
 L'anno milleottocentoquarantasei il dì due
 del mese di agosto alle ore due
 Noi Luigi Sabino Jurgianzetta Sindaco ed Ufficiale
 dello Stato Civile del Comune di Corleone
 Provincia di Palermo, attestiamo che nel dì due
 del mese di agosto anno milleottocentoquarantasei
 giorno di Domenica fu affissa sulla porta della Casa Comunale
 la seguente notificazione:
 Provincia di Palermo, Distretto di Corleone — Comune di Corleone

Noi Luigi Sabino Jurgianzetta Sindaco ed Ufficiale
 dello Stato Civile del Comune di Corleone
 notificammo a tutte che Maria Cymano
 di anni 72 di professione maggiore
 domiciliato in Corleone figlio di Paolo
 di professione maggiore domiciliato in
 e di Maria Cymano
 domiciliata in Corleone
 E Maria Cymano di anni 72
 domiciliata in Corleone figlia di Paolo
 di professione maggiore
 domiciliato in Corleone e di Maria Cymano
 domiciliata in Corleone

Intendono di procedere alla nostra presenza alla solenne
 promessa di celebrare tra loro matrimonio avanti alla Chiesa
 secondo le forme prescritte dal Sacro Concilio di Trento.
 Attestiamo inoltre di essere scorso il termine di quindici
 giorni richiesti giusta la disposizione dell'articolo 69 delle leggi
 Civili per l'affissione delle notificazioni.
 E attesiamo finalmente di non esservi opposizione al sud-
 detto matrimonio.

In fede di che abbiamo firmato il presente atto da noi
 sottoscritto, ed iscritto nel registro delle notificazioni.

Il Sindaco Luigi Sabino Jurgianzetta
 Il Cancelliere Luigi Sabino Jurgianzetta
Luigi Sabino Jurgianzetta



NOS S. T. P. HIERONYMUS VERNAGALLO Decanus Prima dignitas Caput, et Super-
 prior Matricis et Collegatas insignis Ecclesiae sub invocatione Sancti Martini Episcopi
 hujus Aemulae; ac Subdiaconi Civitatis Corleone ejusdem Matricis, nec non filius
 Parochialis Ecclesiae sub titulo Sancti Petri Apostolorum Principis Civitatis praedictae Arch-
 episcopalis; Vicarius foraneus; et Visitator Monasteriorum ejusdem Civitatis, eidem fac-
 mus atque testamur omnibus; et singulis Regni Officialibus et praesentium quorum latere
 in uno ex parochialibus libris in quibus Luigi Colletti nomen adnotatur atque
 cognomina estare notam tenore sequenti fideliter

Anno Domini millesimo octingentesimo trigesimo primo d. 24. 1832.
 Die quarta mensis septembris
M. Jurgianzetta Colletti in Matrimonio ff. und. 32.
M. Jurgianzetta Colletti in Matrimonio ff. und. 32.
M. Jurgianzetta Colletti in Matrimonio ff. und. 32.
M. Jurgianzetta Colletti in Matrimonio ff. und. 32.

In quorum idem presentes manu notas subscriptas et Parochialis insignis Collegatas
 Matricis Ecclesiae quo utitur sigillo munitas dedimus Corleone. Luigi Colletti
 Die quarta mensis septembris Anno Domini millesimo
 octingentesimo trigesimo primo d. 24. 1832.
M. Jurgianzetta Colletti in Matrimonio ff. und. 32.

4. Death date of
ancestor's
father's father,
his wife's name
and his parents'
names.

5. Marriage banns.

Death record of Francesco Colletti, 24 September 1812,
Corleone, Italy (FHL film 1815404).

Marriage banns of Giuseppe Arsenia and Marianna Colletti,
1 August 1850, Corleone, Italy (FHL film 1815404).

CIVIL RECORDS: DEATH

1809-1910

Use Death Records To:

- Find death information for virtually every person who died in Italy. (If your ancestors were from Sicily, the death records didn't begin until 1823.)
- Verify the death of an ancestor.
- Find the names of the ancestor's parents, especially if the ancestor was born before civil registration began (1809 for much of Italy, 1823 for Sicily).
- Establish a time and place of a family's residence.

The Italian word for death is *morte* or *morti*, meaning "dead" or "the deceased."

Content

- Date of death registration.
- Names, ages, and professions of witnesses reporting the death. Sometimes the witnesses are family members, but not always.
- Actual date of death.
- Name, age, birthplace, residence, and profession of deceased.
- Names of deceased's parents.
- Names of deceased's spouse.

Searching Death Records

Before searching, you must know:

- Your ancestor's name.
- The town and province of death.

Located at:

- [Family History Library](#)
- [Provincial, court, or communal archives](#)

Family History Library Catalog:

Place search:

Place

Part of

Topics to choose: Civil registration

Search by:

1. Surname (*cognome*) in the indexes (some early indexes are ordered by given name).
2. Date (day, month, year), from the earliest to most recent.

Tips

- To find a death record, first look in the town where your ancestor was born or where his or her children were born. If you can't find the death in the town where the children were born, check nearby or other likely towns.
- Women are always listed by their maiden name. The name and surname of their husband is noted in the record.
- For help reading the records, see *Genealogical Word List: Italian*. (See ["Where to Order Publications"](#) on page 17.)

<p>Date of death registration</p> <p>Actual death date</p> <p>Name of deceased</p> <p>Age and birthplace of deceased</p> <p>Names of parents</p>	<p>PROVINCIA DI PALERMO COMUNE DI <i>Corleone</i></p> <p>Registro degli atti di morte .33</p> <p>Numero d'ordine 65</p> <p>L'anno milleottocentocinquanta <i>novellobi diece</i></p> <p>del mese di <i>Marzo</i></p> <p>alle ore <i>sedici</i></p> <p>Avanti Noi <i>D. Felice Favalaro Sindaco</i></p> <p>ed Ufficiale dello Stato Civile del Comune di <i>Corleone</i></p> <p>Distretto di <i>Corleone</i> Provincia di Palermo sono compariti</p> <p><i>Francesco Riesco</i></p> <p>di anni <i>quaranta</i> di professione <i>vittio</i></p> <p>domiciliato in <i>Corleone</i></p> <p>e <i>Francesco Governali</i></p> <p>di anni <i>trantotto</i> di professione <i>vittio</i></p> <p>domiciliato in <i>Corleone</i></p> <p>i quali han dichiarato che nel giorno <i>Primo</i> del</p> <p>mese di <i>Marzo</i> anno corrente alle ore <i>quattro</i></p> <p>è morto nell' <i>abitazione</i> di <i>Giovanni</i></p> <p><i>Arsena</i></p> <p>di anni <i>due</i> nato in <i>Corleone</i></p> <p>di professione <i>vittio</i> domiciliato in <i>Corleone</i></p> <p>figlio di <i>Giuseppe</i> di professione <i>vittio</i></p> <p>domiciliato in <i>Corleone</i> e di <i>Marianna Colletti</i></p> <p>domiciliata in <i>Corleone</i></p> <p>Per esecuzione della legge ci siamo trasferiti insieme coi detti testimoni presso la persona defunta, e ne abbiamo riconosciuto la sua effettiva morte. Abbiamo indi formato il presente atto che abbiamo iscritto sopra i due registri, e datane lettura ai dichiaranti, si e nel giorno, mese, ed anno come sopra, segnato da Noi.</p> <p><i>Felice Favalaro</i></p> <p><i>Francesco Riesco</i></p> <p><i>Francesco Governali</i></p>	<p>Province of Palermo, Town of Corleone, Register of the acts of death, Register number 65.</p> <p>The year one thousand eight hundred fifty nine, day two of the month of March, at the hour of sixteen [using a twenty-four hour clock], before us, D. Felice Favalaro, mayor and an official of the Civil Registration of the town of Corleone, district of Corleone, Province of Palermo, appeared Francesco Riesco, age forty, by profession a farmer living in Corleone, and Francesco Governali, age thirty-eight, by profession a farmer living in Corleone, who declared that on the first day of the month of March of the current year at the hour of four, Giovanni Arsenà died in the house of his parents, age two, born in Corleone, by profession a farmer living in the same place, son of Giuseppe, by profession a farmer living in Corleone, and of Marianna Colletti, living in the same place with her spouse.</p> <p>To obey the law, we removed, together with the aforementioned witnesses, to the deceased person, and we identified that he or she was indeed deceased. We have therefore formed the present act, which we wrote in the two registers, and having read it to the declarants, on the same day, month, and year as written above, [this was] signed by us.</p>
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Death of Giovanni Arsenà, 1 March 1859, Corleone, Italy (FHL film 1195454).

ADDITIONAL HELPS

Reading Italian Handwriting • Common Names and Terms • Summary • Naming Customs • Timeline

READING ITALIAN HANDWRITING

Reading Italian handwriting may be difficult at times, since every registrar had his own style. Although it may seem overwhelming at first, you will find that the writing in each register is usually consistent and you will be able to accustom yourself to it.

You will also find that after learning the most common given names and a few common terms in Italian and Latin, you will be able to read most of the documents you encounter.

COMMON TERMS AND NAMES

Italian	English	Latin	Italian	English	Latin
nato/a	born	natus/a	fù	deceased	quondam
morto/a	died	mortus/a	vivente	living	vivus
figlio	son	filius	di	of	ex
figlia	daughter	filia	Giovanni	John	Joannes
madre	mother	mater	Giuseppe	Joseph	Josephus
padre	father	pater	Paolo	Paul	Paulus
il dì	the day	die	Elisabetta	Elizabeth	Elisabetha
mese	month	mensis	Giovanna	Joanna	Joanne
anno	year	annum	Antonio	Anthony	Antonius
matrimonio	marriage	matrimonium/ coniugium	Giuseppa	Josephine	Josepha
levatrice/ ostatrice	midwife	obstetrix	Pietro	Peter	Petrus

SUMMARY: FINDING AN ITALIAN FAMILY, 1809–1910

For detailed steps, see “The Research Process” on pages 2–6.

- Find your ancestor’s birth record in civil records.
 - This verifies what you know.
 - Write down what you find, and record your source information.
- Find your ancestor’s brothers and sisters in civil records.
 - Look for births before and after the birth of your ancestor.
 - Write down what you find (names, birth dates, etc.).
 - Write down your source information.
- Find death records for your ancestor’s brothers and sisters or parents in civil records.
 - Look for deaths in years following the births, especially if two children were given the same name.
 - Write down the information you find and your source information.
- Find marriage records of your ancestor’s parents in civil or church records.
 - Look for records of marriages in the town where the oldest child was born.

- Start with the date of the first child’s birth, and search backward and forward until you find the marriage.
- Write down what you find, and record your source information.

Then follow the same steps to find a parent’s family.

Naming Customs in Italy

Since surnames became common with most Italians by the 1400s, a particular naming pattern was used by many. The following pattern may be helpful in researching family groups and determining parents.

- The first boy was usually named for the father’s father.
- The second boy was usually named for the mother’s father.
- The third boy was usually named for the father.
- The first girl was usually named for the father’s mother.
- The second girl was usually named for the mother’s mother.
- The third girl was named for the mother.
- If a child died, often the same name was given to the next child born of the same gender.

Time Line

- 1546 Council of Trent required all parishes to keep records of birth, marriage, and death.
- 1559-1796 Italy was ruled by Spain and then Austria.
- 1796 Napoleon Bonaparte drove the Austrians from Italy.
- 1805-1814 Napoleon ruled most of Italy, divided the country into provinces and communes, and required nationwide civil registration with a set form.
- 1815 Napoleon was defeated. Civil registration stopped in most northern provinces but continued in the south.
- 1821 Civil registration began in Sicily.
- 1821-1861 A series of revolts occurred, and new governments were established and defeated.
- 1861-1870 Unification of Italy occurred.
- 1866 Civil registration once again was required nationwide; most forms follow Napoleonic style.
- 1871 First national census was taken and repeated every 10 years thereafter (not standard, names only head of household, limited use).
- 1911 First census records began to name all family members with ages, occupations, birthplaces, etc.

ADDITIONAL HELPS

More Resources

What's Next?

Research Outline: Italy (36113) describes records for more advanced searches.

More about Italian Research

- Cole, Trafford R. *Italian Genealogical Records: How to Use Italian Civil, Ecclesiastical, & Other Records in Family History Research*. Salt Lake City: Ancestry, Inc., 1995. (FHL Book 945 D27c).
- Colletta, John Philip. *Finding Italian Roots, the Complete Guide for Americans*. Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1996. (FHL Book 973 F2cf).
- Nelson, Lynn A. *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Italian Ancestors: How to Find and Record Your Unique Heritage*. Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 1997. (FHL Book 945 D27n).

Archives and Libraries

Family History Centers
<http://www.familysearch.org>
Tel. 800-346-6044

Family History Library
35 N. West Temple Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84150-3400
Tel. 801-240-2331

Helpful Internet Addresses:

www.db.archivi.beniculturali.it/UCBAWEB/indice.html
(Lists the following about each provincial archive: address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, hours, services, etc.)

www.chiesacattolica.it/cc/diocesi/index.html (Lists addresses, etc., of all Catholic dioceses in Italy.)

www.nonsolocap.it (Lists postal zip codes in Italy.)

www.cimorelli.com/pie/faq/pfaq_toc.html (Frequently asked questions regarding Italian genealogical research.)

www.italgen.com (Basics for Italian research, very good historical and background information.)

www.angelfire.com/ok3/pearlsofwisdom/Davids_form_letters.html (Form letters to use for requesting copies of documents from civil and ecclesiastical archives.)

www.teldir.com/eng/euro/it (Italian telephone directories.)

Where to Order Publications:

- Internet: <http://www.familysearch.org>
- Salt Lake Distribution Center: phone 800-537-5971

All Family History Library publications are described in: Family History Materials List (34083) and at: <http://www.familysearch.org>

Family Group Record

If typing, set spacing at 1 1/2. Page of

Write date as: 4 Oct. 1896

Write place as: Tryon, Polk, North Carolina, USA or
St. Martins, Birmingham, Warwick, Eng.

Husband Given name(s)			Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place	LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
	Christened	Place	Baptized		
	Died	Place	Endowed		
	Buried	Place	Sealed to parents		
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse		
	Husband's father Given name(s)		Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
Husband's mother Given name(s)		Maiden name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Wife Given name(s)			Maiden name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place	LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
	Christened	Place	Baptized		
	Died	Place	Endowed		
	Buried	Place	Sealed to parents		
	Wife's father Given name(s)		Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
	Wife's mother Given name(s)		Maiden name		<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
Children List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
1	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized		
	Christened	Place	Endowed		
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents		
	Spouse Given name(s)		Last name		
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse		
2	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized		
	Christened	Place	Endowed		
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents		
	Spouse Given name(s)		Last name		
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse		
3	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name		<input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"
	Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized		
	Christened	Place	Endowed		
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents		
	Spouse Given name(s)		Last name		
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse		
Select only one of the following options. The option you select applies to all names on this form. <input type="checkbox"/> Option 1—Family File Send all names to my family file at the _____ Temple. <input type="checkbox"/> Option 2—Temple File Send all names to any temple, and assign proxies for all approved ordinances. <input type="checkbox"/> Option 3—Ancestral File Send all names to the computerized Ancestral File for research purposes only, not for ordinances. I am including the required pedigree chart.			Your name Address Phone () Date prepared		

Husband Given name(s)			Last name	
Wife Given name(s)			Maiden name	
Children List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth.			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
4	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
		Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized
		Christened	Place	Endowed
		Died	Place	Sealed to parents
		Spouse Given name(s)	Last name	
		Married	Place	Sealed to spouse
5	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
		Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized
		Christened	Place	Endowed
		Died	Place	Sealed to parents
		Spouse Given name(s)	Last name	
		Married	Place	Sealed to spouse
6	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
		Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized
		Christened	Place	Endowed
		Died	Place	Sealed to parents
		Spouse Given name(s)	Last name	
		Married	Place	Sealed to spouse
7	Sex	Given name(s)	Last name <input type="checkbox"/> See "Other marriages"	
		Born (day month year)	Place	Baptized
		Christened	Place	Endowed
		Died	Place	Sealed to parents
		Spouse Given name(s)	Last name	
		Married	Place	Sealed to spouse
Other marriages List other marriages and sealings of the husband, wife, and children on this form. List any necessary explanations.				
Sources of information Add further information on attached sheets as necessary.				

Note: Please take every reasonable step to see that the information on this form is as accurate and complete as practical. This will help maintain the integrity of Church family history files and reduce duplication of temple ordinance work.

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Other publications you will need:

Genealogical Word List: Italian (34071)
Using the Family History Library Catalog (30966)
 For Latter-day Saints:
 Instructions for submitting names for temple
 ordinances.

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